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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 360

TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 22ND JULY, 2025

STATUS OF SOIL TESTING LABS IN UTTAR PRADESH

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्री be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of total number of soil testing labs, including static, mini and mobile labs, established in Uttar Pradesh since 2020, district-wise;
- (b) whether the Ministry is taking any initiatives to address staffing shortage and infrastructure deficiencies in Uttar Pradesh's soil testing centers: if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the details of any plans to increase funding for establishing new soil testing centers in Uttar Pradesh to support the farming community?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण राज्य मंत्री (SHRI RAMNATH THAKUR)

(a): Under Soil Health & Fertility scheme, 254 Static Soil Testing Labs and 6 Village level Soil Testing Labs have been established in Uttar Pradesh. No further lab has been added since 2020.

(b) & (c): Manpower for Soil Testing Labs is arranged by State Government. However, State Government of Uttar Pradesh has informed that employees are hired through outsourcing agencies to full fill the demand and requirement of Staff in Soil Testing Labs. Based on request of State Government of Uttar Pradesh, 150 Village Level Soil Testing Labs have been approved for the State in Annual Action Plan for 2025-26 with financial allocation of Rs.135 lakh as central share.
